

Please help improve the lives of rural Americans by protecting and expanding the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless providers. Wireless telecommunications is no longer a luxury in our society; it is a fundamental necessity for public health, safety and economic development. These Americans are just as important as metropolitan Americans and deserve the same service provided to them. Why should they be short changed?

Capping the fund will shut the door on rural America. Less USF support for rural wireless networks will leave us with poor to no coverage, dropped calls and dangerous dead zones. If I was traveling in a rural area and had no coverage I would be pretty scared and think twice about traveling in this area at all. The urban/rural technology gap will only widen if this is not addressed.

Rural America deserves the same cell phone services as our big cities. I urge you to expand – not cap – the USF. Please don't leave these Americans behind.

Thank you,
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